ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WILDERNESS AREAS AND ECOLOGICAL RESERVES

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1. Advisory Committee Role

The Advisory Committee was established pursuant to Section 2 of the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act, 1981. The role of the Advisory Committee as set out in Section 2 (7) of the Act is:

7 (1) The Advisory Committee shall receive and consider requests from the public regarding wilderness areas and ecological reserves and may make recommendations to the Minister regarding:

a) the establishment of new wilderness areas or ecological reserves;
b) the addition of lands to wilderness areas or ecological reserves;
c) withdrawal of lands from wilderness areas or ecological reserves, and;
d) the making of regulations for the administration, management, operation and utilization of wilderness areas, ecological reserves and controlled buffer zones.

2. Advisory Committee Membership

Membership of the Advisory Committee is set out in Section 2 (4) of the Act as follows:

(4) The Advisory Committee shall consists of:

a) 2 employees of the Department of Recreation and Parks;
b) 3 employees of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources;

c) 1 employee of the Department of Culture, and;
d) 6 persons who are not employed by the Government or a government agency.

Present membership of the Advisory Committee was appointed by Order-in-Council 464/83 as follows:

a) Donn E. Cline, Department of Recreation and Parks
b) Archie Landals, Department of Recreation and Parks
c) Everett R. Silver, Department of Energy and Natural Resources
d) Joseph A. Brennan, Department of Energy and Natural Resources
e) Leslie J. Cooke, Department of Energy and Natural Resources
f) Dr. William J. Byrne, Department of Culture
g) Christian E. Anderson, Grande Prairie, for a term of 2 years
h) Charles Archibald, Rosalind, for a term of 2 years
i) Thomas Gilchrist, Milk River, for a term of 2 years
j) Ken Kultger, Foremost River, for a term of 2 years
k) Douglas Miller, Lethbridge, for a term of 2 years

The Order-in-Council designates Donn E. Cline as Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves.

3. Advisory Committee Activities April 1, 1983 - March 31, 1984

a) The Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves met for the first time on October 28, 1983. The Honourable Peter Trynchy, Minister of Recreation and Parks and the Honourable Don Sparrow, Associate Minister of Public Lands and Wildlife addressed the Committee. This procedural meeting included a brief history of the Ecological Reserves Program in Alberta. Copies of the approved Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee and the Review and Approval Process were distributed along with other relevent background information.

b) The Advisory Committee met in Lethbridge on December 1-2, 1983. An air and ground field inspection of Milk River Canyon area was undertaken to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of creating an ecological reserve in the area.

c) The Advisory Committee met in Edmonton on January 26-27, 1984 to hear public submissions on what might potentially be the general scope of the Ecological Reserves Program. Presentations were made by:

Alberta Wilderness Association
National, Provincial Parks Association
Canadian Nature of Canada Federation
Canadian Institute of Forestry
Alberta Fish and Game Association
Zone 1 Fish and Game Association
Foremost Fish and Game Association
Alberta Cattle Commission
Department of Forest Science, University of Alberta

d) The Advisory Committee met in Calgary on February 16, 1984 to finalize arrangements for the Lethbridge meeting. The Backgrounder on the Milk River Canyon Candidate Ecological Reserve was approved.

e) The Advisory Committee met in Lethbridge in March 21, 1984 to hear the public's views on the Milk River Canyon Candidate Ecological Reserve. Verbal presentations were made by over 50 individuals; additional written briefs were tabled.

4. Recommendations

The Advisory Committee has no specific recommendations to make to the Minister at this time. Initial meetings have given the Committee a much better understanding of the intent of the program and the varying views of the public regarding the values of the program.

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March 29, 1984

Honourable Peter Trynchy
Minister of Recreation and Parks
107 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Trynchy:

As required by the terms of reference for the Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves:

> "The Committee will submit to the Minister in April of each year
> a. a written report on the activities of the Committee during the previous year ending March 31; and
> b. a summary of recommendations the Committee has made that year."

The Minister is required pursuant to Section 2 (8) and (9) of the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act to take the following action:

> (8) The Minister shall refer any recommendations made by the Advisory Committee under subsection (7) to the Executive Council for its consideration.
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> (9) A copy of any recommendation made by the Advisory Committee under subsection (7) shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly by the Minister if it is in session and if not, within 15 days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

Respectfully submitted

D. E. Cline
Chairman, Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves

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March 30, 1984

The Honourable Gerard J. Amerongen
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
Room 325 Legislature Building
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

The undersigned has the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves for the period from April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Trynchy
Minister

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